



Ledile's Lost Balloon

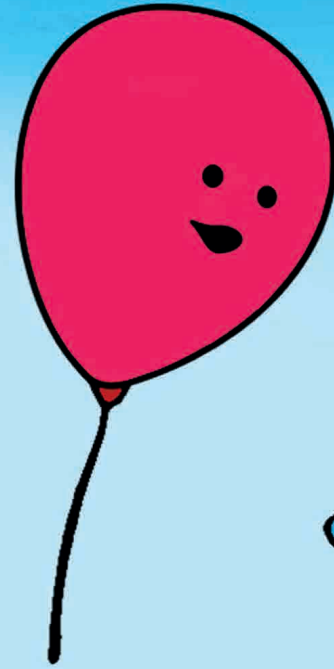
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Ledile loved playing
with her balloon.





One day, the
balloon floated
across the river.



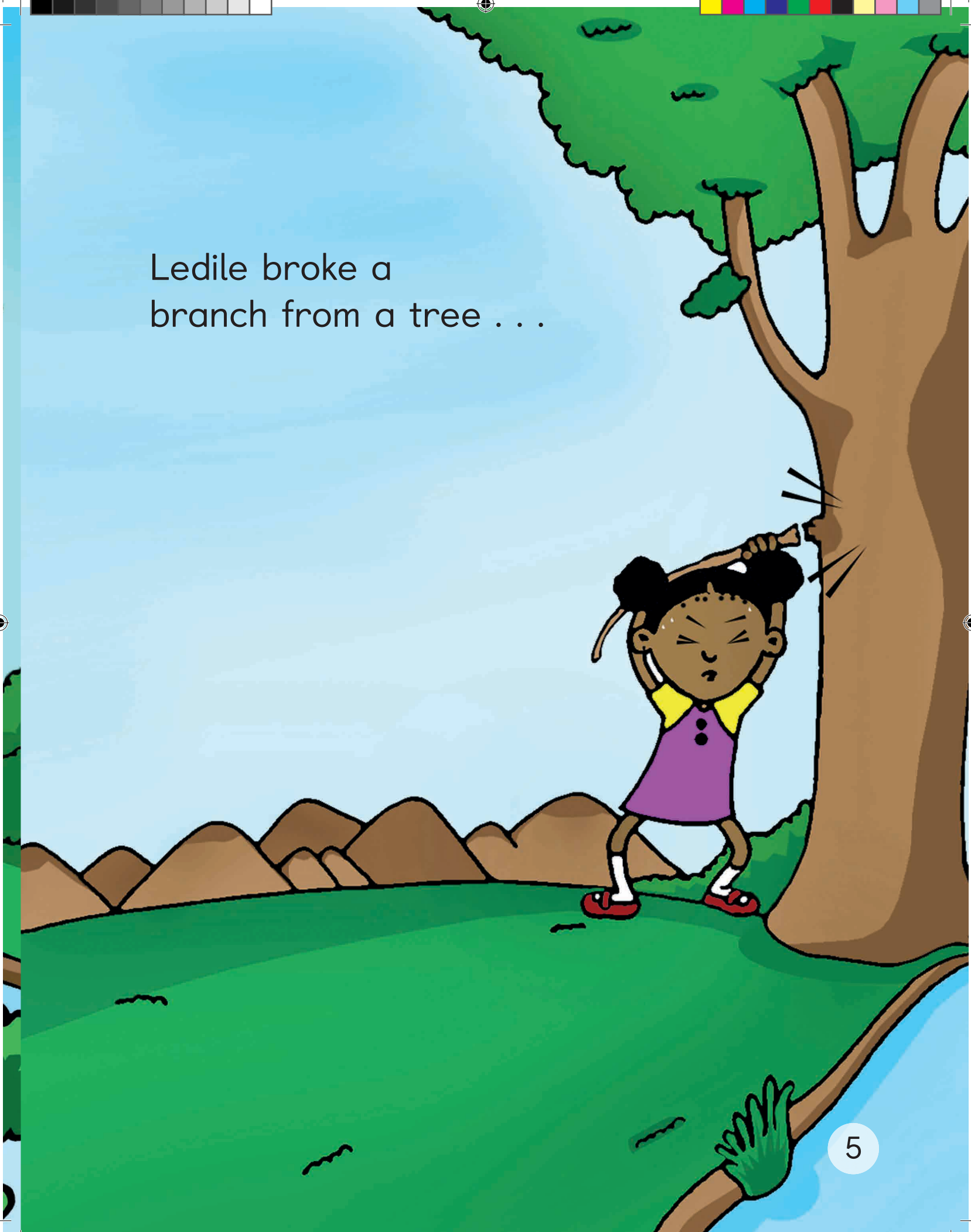


Ledile couldn't swim.
What could she do?





Ledile broke a
branch from a tree . . .





... but the branch was too short to reach the balloon.



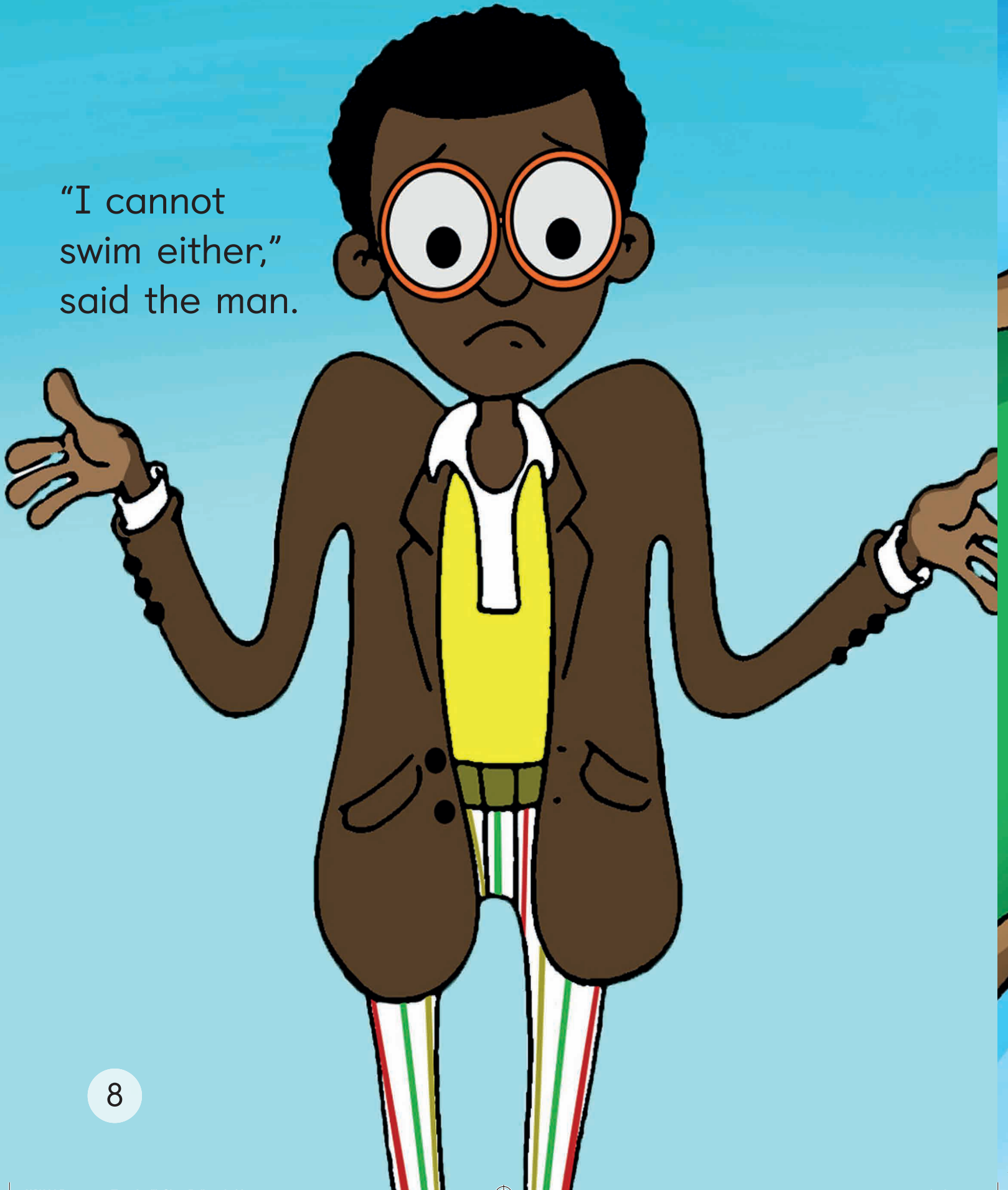


A tall man came to the river.
Ledile asked for his help.





"I cannot swim either," said the man.

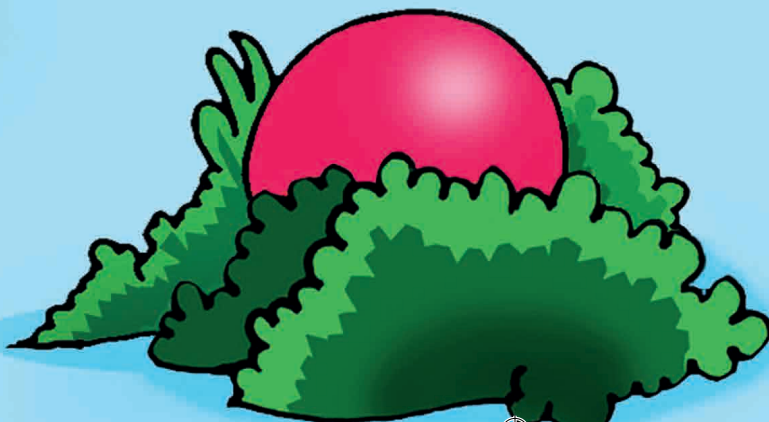


Ledile decided to wade into the river up to her waist. Maybe then the stick would reach the balloon! She took off her shoes.



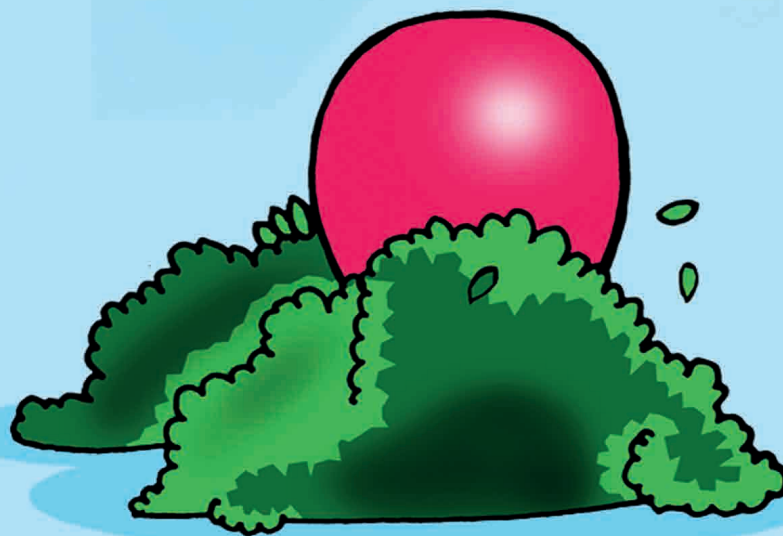


She stepped into the river.
The water was soon up to her knees.

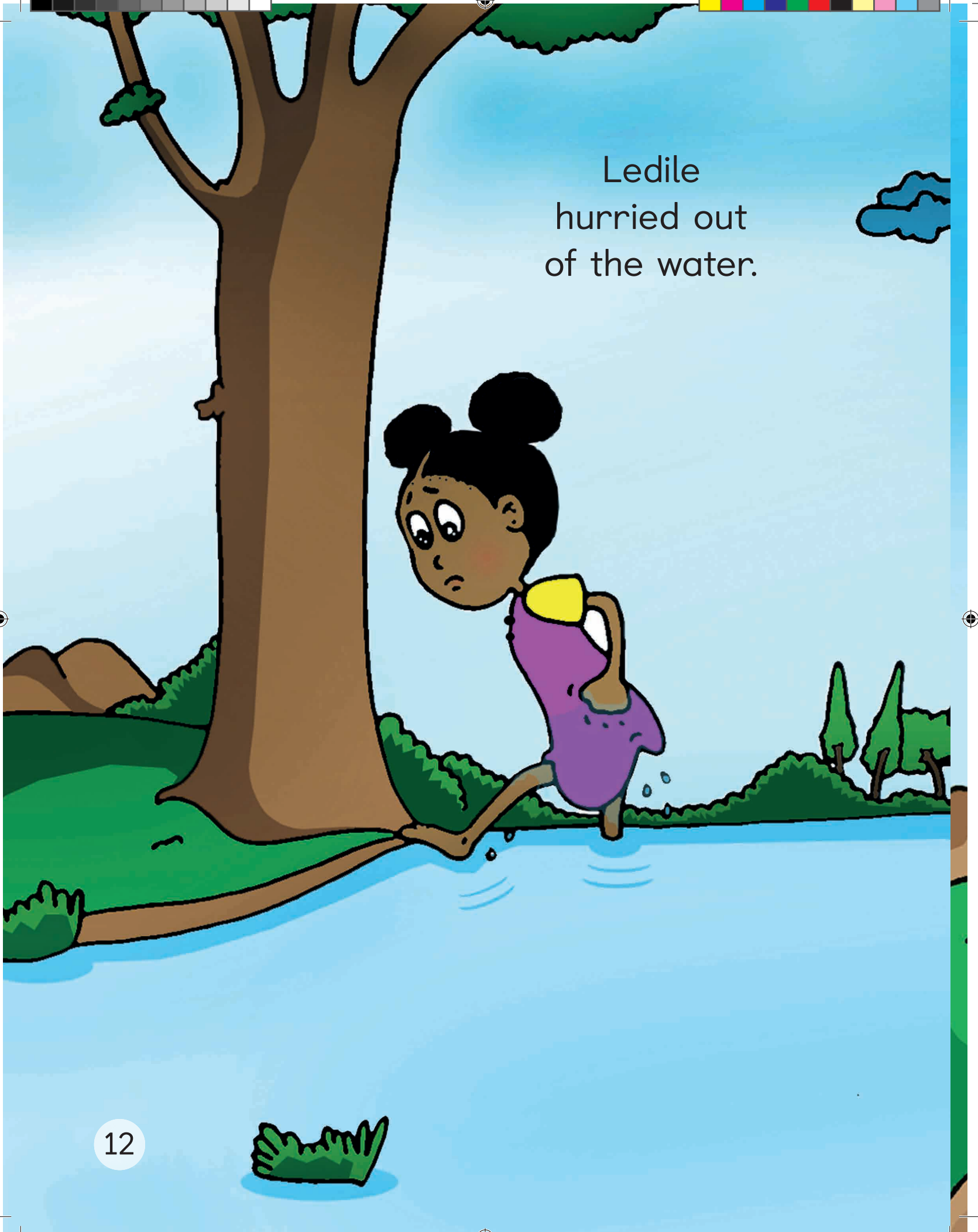


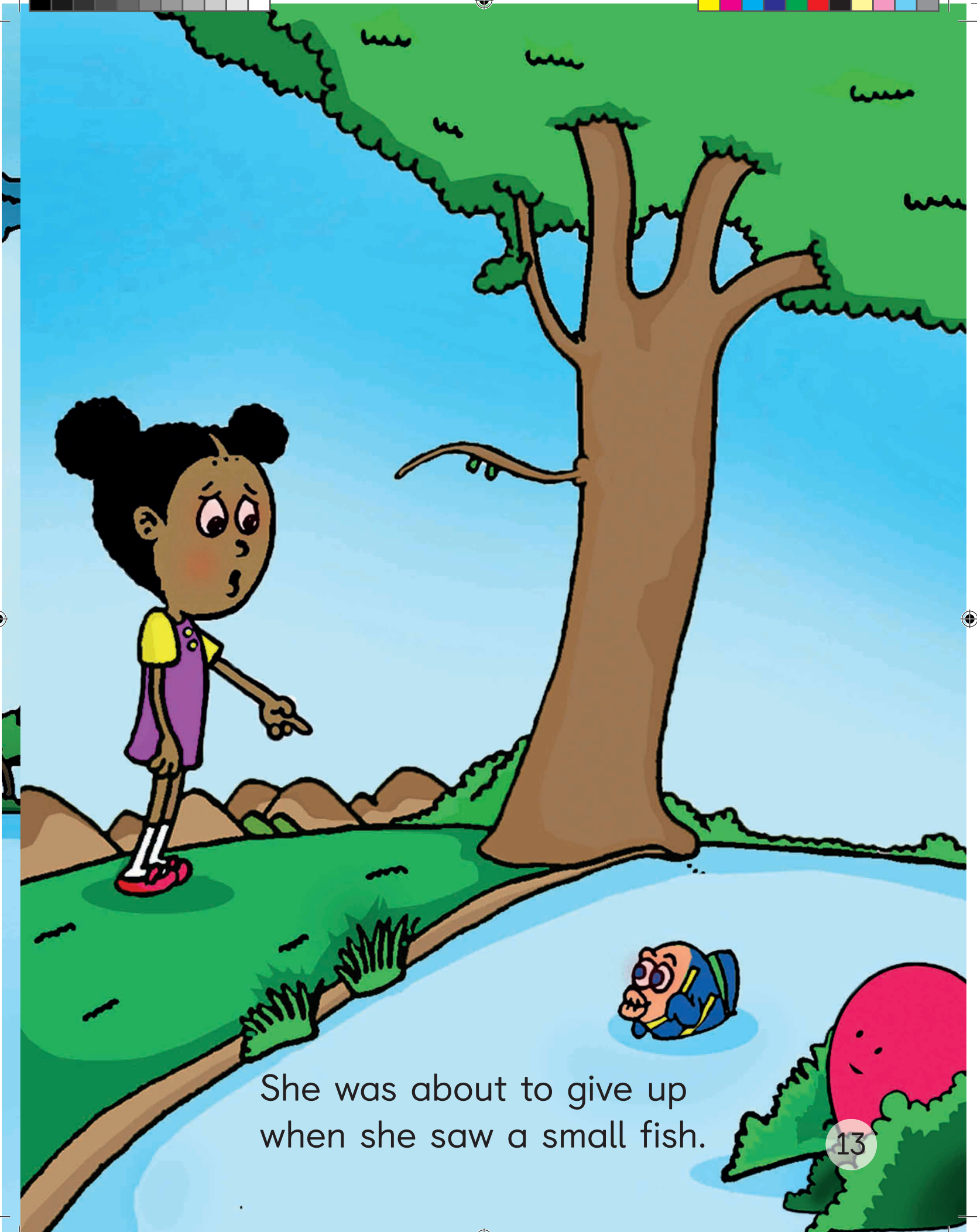


She waded further into the river. The water reached her waist. She was scared and she still could not reach the balloon!



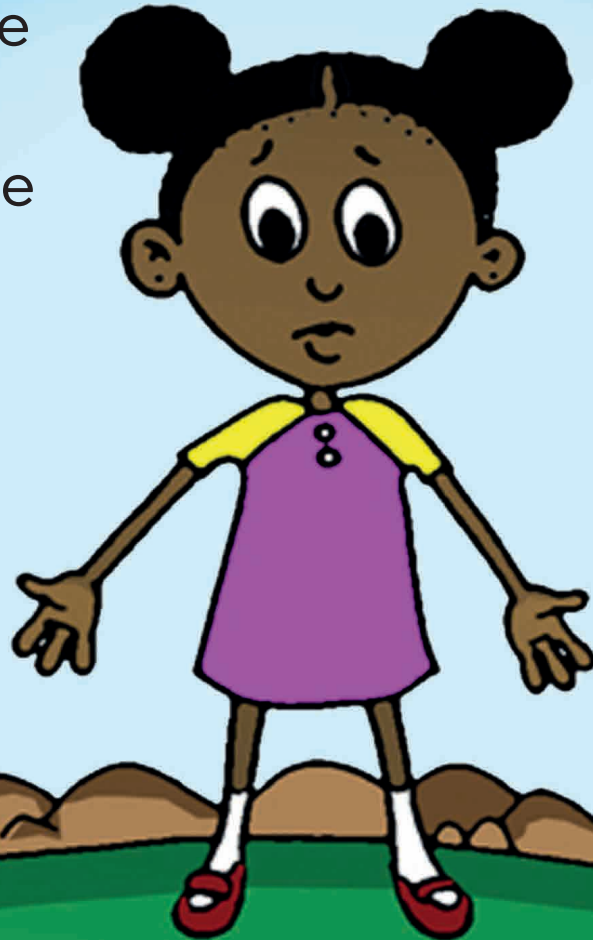
Ledile
hurried out
of the water.





She was about to give up
when she saw a small fish.

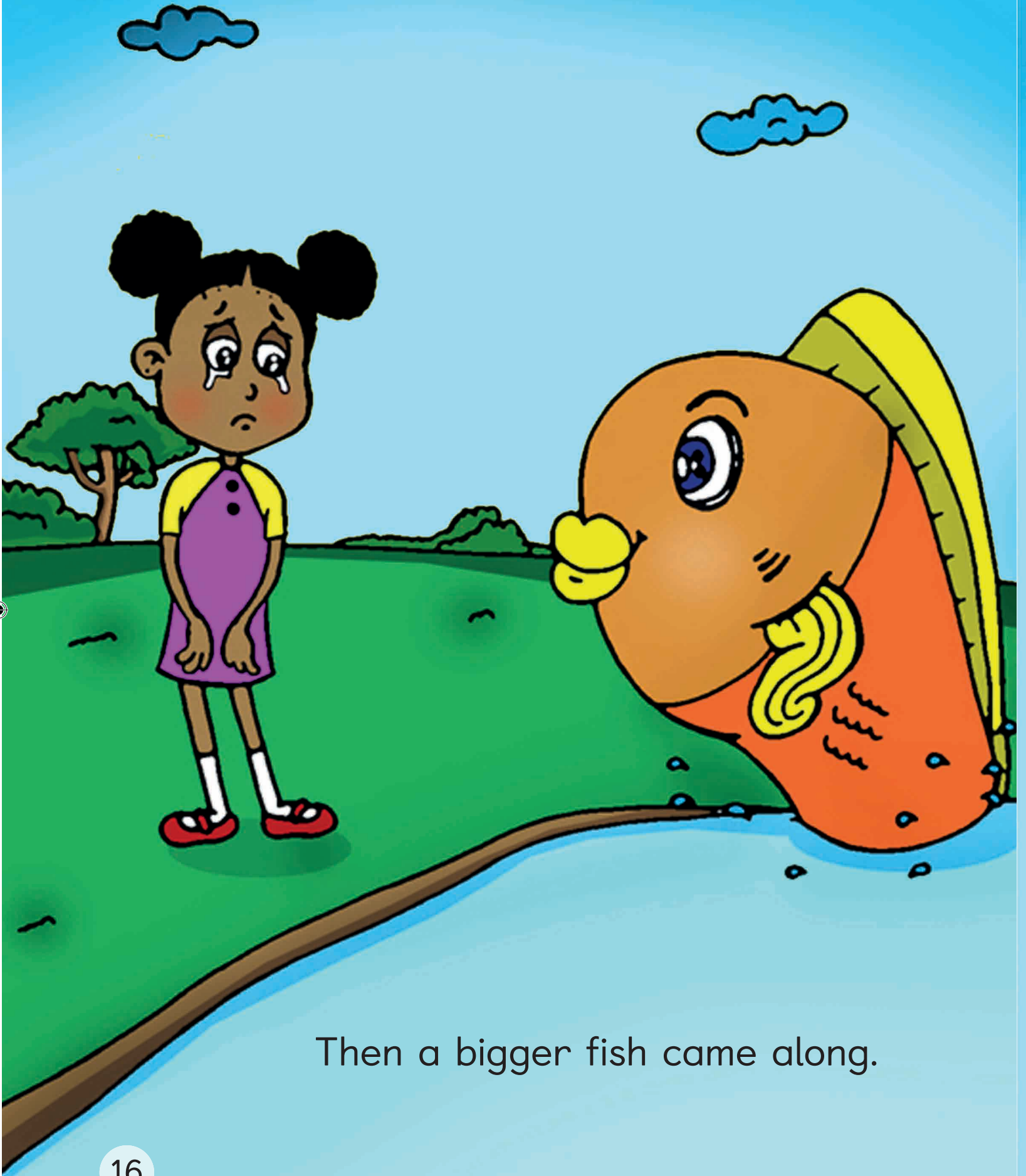
“Please help me!” she called to the fish. “I will try,” said the fish.





The fish blew and blew, but
the balloon did not budge.





Then a bigger fish came along.





“Please help me!” Ledile asked again.

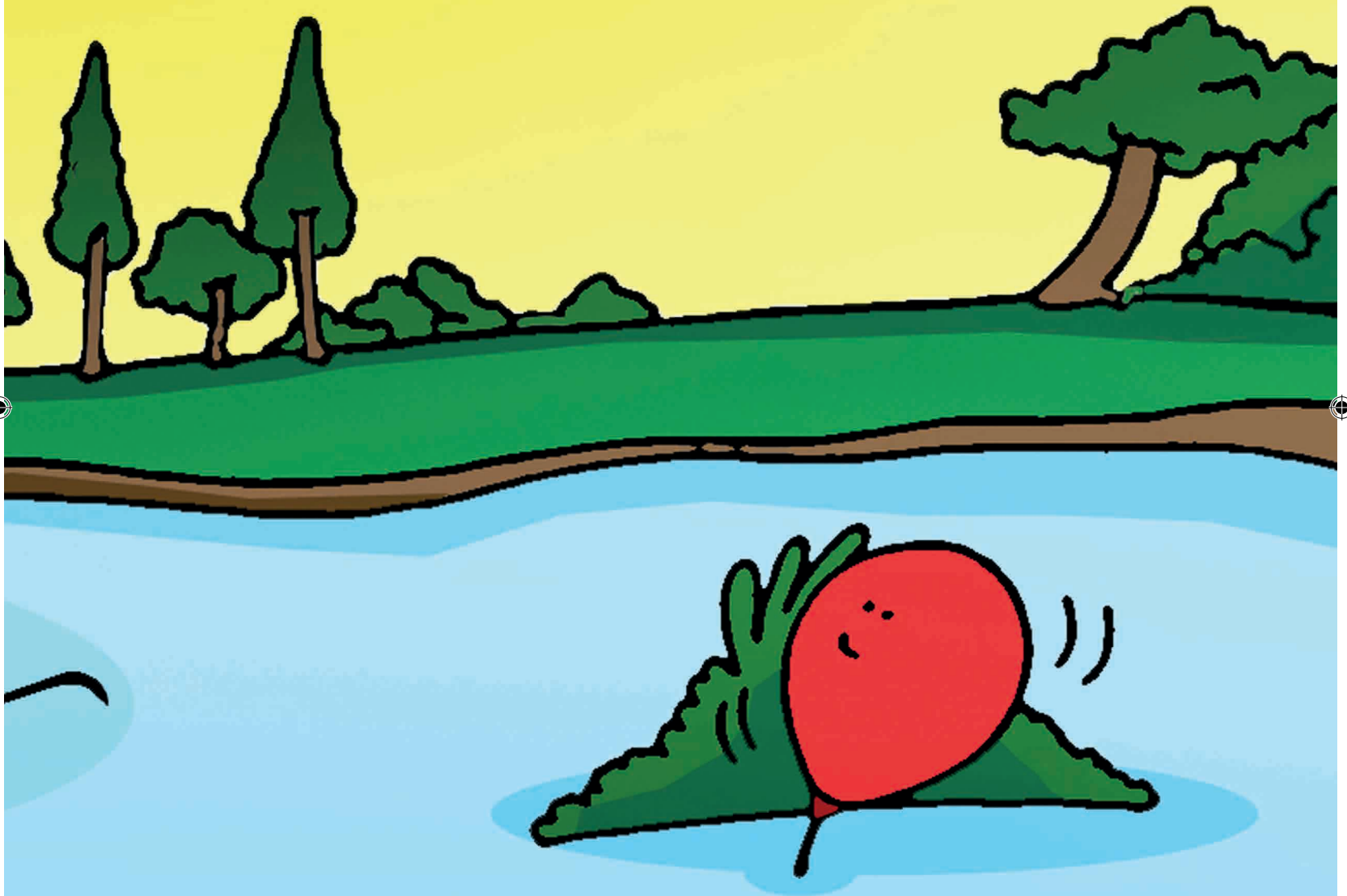


“I will take you to your balloon,” said the big fish.





Ledile hopped onto the fish.
She reached her balloon!





Hooray!

